REGULATING OUR FUTURE

ROF Programme Objectives

Develop and implement a new sustainable approach to regulation that leverages business behaviour change to deliver benefits for consumers.

Design and implement a regulatory delivery model that ensures an effective approach to regulating food safety across the food chain, makes use of all available data and is financially sustainable in the long term.





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EU Exit

What We Are Doing?

- Engaging with stakeholders to understand the issues for food regulation as we leave the European Union.
- Working hard to ensure that the high standard of food safety and consumer protection is maintained when the UK leaves the European Union.

What's next?

- Exploring opportunities to be more flexible in how the FSA regulates food business
- With new and different trade relationships being formed, ensuring the imports and exports functions of regulators are properly incorporated into the new regulatory system



On-line Registration

What we are doing?

- Beta testing for the digital solution being implemented.
- Undertaken research to improve insights into food business attitudes to registration.
- Exporting the levers we can use to ensure businesses register.

What's Next?

- Phased user testing of the online service with LAs
- Ambition to have c.40 LAs using service by end March 2019
- Introduce a comprehensive roll-out for the remaining LAs in England, Wales and Northern Ireland
- Development and user testing of web pages of new food business guidance
- Awareness-raising campaign



What we are doing

• Developing a data

risk assessment.

stakeholders to

Consultation on

change the way we

assess food safety

proposed changes to

the Food I aw Code of

Engaging

risks.

Practice

driven approach to

- What's Next?
- Validating the risk model outputs in conjunction with those early adopting LAs using the new registration system
 - Begin the development of the next iteration of the risk model

Segmentation

- Controlled field trials with LAs at the end of 2018
- Release initial version of the risk model using the new registration system by March 2019
- Undertaking several research projects to provide evidence base to inform future iterations of the risk model



Segmentation



What's Next?

- Engage FBOs, LAs and regulators to discuss how the changes might work in practice.
- Survey other regulators to identify best practice.
- Launch a project with LAs to capture detailed food business data.
- Trial new approach to risk assessment.

What difference will it make?

- Regulators will be able to better target their resources towards businesses that need the most support.
- Focus on those businesses that refuse to fulfil their obligations.
- Businesses committed to food safety will be recognised by the nature, frequency and intensity of regulatory oversight.
- Provide consumers with more confidence in the regulation of FBOs.

Regulated Private Assurance

What is it?

 Industry assurance that meets FSA standards to be used by regulators to inform official controls

What we are doing?

- Introducing more ways for businesses to provide evidence they are doing the right thing.
- We are setting the standards that regulated private assurance providers will have to meet.



Primary Authority National Inspection Strategies

What are they?

- A partnership between a multi outlet business and a primary authority LA that could decide:
- frequency, nature and intensity of official controls for a group of businesses
- that it has sufficient evidence that food safety is being well managed and consider that a more tailored style or reduced number of regulatory interventions are warranted.

What we are doing?

- Published the FSA standards for NIS and evaluation of pathfinder project on 17 September
- Encouraging well established partnerships with excellent levels of business compliance, to join in exploring development of the first phase of NIS
- Testing and refining the FSA standards and oversight mechanisms



National Inspection Strategies



What's Next?

 Developing an approach to how NIS is aligned with the Food Law Code of Practice intervention rating scheme.

What difference will it make?

- Interventions from LAs will happen at a frequency specified by the Primary Authority
- It will reduce the level and frequency of intervention required from LAs at individual outlets freeing up resource to focus on poorly performing or new business.
- Reduces the regulatory burden on a business when it has demonstrated sustained compliance with food law across all its establishments

Food Standards

What We Are Doing?

- Understanding delivery methods, enforcement issues – LA survey
- Stakeholder engagement programme – identifying concerns
- Integrating Trading Standards work into ROF delivery model

What's next?

- Integration of food standards considerations into the risk engine, allowing for a more accurate appreciation of potential risk at the point of registration
- Publication of report outlining findings of the Food Standards Delivery Review survey
- Technical working group to consider survey findings and identify potential areas for improvement
- Development of proposals to improve the effectiveness of food standards controls and inform the future delivery model

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Sustainable Funding



What is it?

- Businesses should meet the costs of regulation, which should be no more than they need.
- Regulatory Futures Review recommendations:
 - a move to greater regulated private assurance and earned recognition
 - the regulatory model should be underpinned by full cost recovery for regulatory activities.

What we are doing?

- Working with Cabinet Office Regulatory Futures Review team to shape thinking on funding of regulation
- Baselined costs across the food and feed delivery landscape and now moving to options identification and appraisal phase
- Exploring funding models used by other regulators both nationally and internationally

Sustainable Funding – the principles

- Costs to be recovered will be specifically identified so that there is transparency for businesses
- Costs should be no more than they need to be
- We will not assume that one size fits all and different approaches may be adopted within each country and within different sectors
- Charging systems will be easy to understand by businesses and easy for the delivery bodies to operate and administer
- Charging systems will be fair and equitable, encourage innovation, incentivise compliance and provide good value for money



What else is happening?

- Developing a unified view of all food businesses in England, Wales and NI
- Developing a Framework for Regulatory Standards
- Developing a framework for Competency of People
- Developing new indicators for LA performance balanced scorecard
- Exploring approaches to assessing culture in a food business
- Exploring use of 3rd party assurance schemes to inform official controls



What outcomes are we aiming for?

- Outcomes about protecting public health and preserving food safety and authenticity
- Outcomes about public trust and consumer confidence
- Outcomes that show we are becoming a better regulator



How can you get involved?

- We want to continue to listen to the views of those with an interest in food standards and safety and to capture the insights and knowledge that already exists in an open and transparent way.
- Here is link to our monthly newsletter and podcast: <u>https://www.food.gov.uk/about-us/about-the-fsa/regulating-our-future/regulating-our-future-newsletter</u> where you can also sign up to received regular updates and communication on the RoF programme.
- Continue the discussions by joining the conversation #foodregulation or email directly: <u>FutureDelivery@food.gov.uk</u>